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1. Food rations in North Korea are allotted on the basis of membership in the following occupational categories: the highest or special category entitles the individual to 420 grams of rice and 280 grams of cereal daily; first grade receives 350 grams of rice and 240 grams of cereal; second grade, 300 grams of rice and 200 of cereal; and third grade, 180 grams of rice and 120 grams of cereals daily.
2. Membership in the four categories is assigned as follows:
 - a. Special: miners in coal mines and in state-controlled mines.
 - b. First Grade: Other employees of government-controlled mines, salt-farms, steel plants, refineries, cement factories, oil companies, chemical fertilizer companies, dockyards, lumber yards, land and marine transport firms, Railway Bureaus, railway shops, Marine Products Office, power generating plants, precision machinery plants, metal plants, oil refineries, textile plants, farm-tool machinery plants, drug factories, leather factories, rubber factories, nail factories, paper factories, anthracite coal plants, brick factories, and out-door workers of the State Security Bureau.
 - c. Second Grade: Employees of brick plants, breweries, soy processing plants, sawmills, marine products plants, charcoal manufacturers, public hospitals, sanatoria, secondary schools, colleges, labor executive groups, fire brigades, national organizations, the three major political parties, trade unions, farmers' unions, the Women's League, the Democratic Youth Party, the General Union of Literary Workers, the Korean-Soviet Cultural Association, the Consumers' Cooperative Society, Aviation Association, Democratic Front, and newspaper offices.
 - d. Third Grade: Employees of orphanages, asylums for the aged, reformatories, school dormitories, blind groups, the Patriot Supporters' Association, the Christian Union, the Industrial and Technical League, the Buddhist General Affairs Office, the North Korean Red Cross, the United Association of Overseas Chinese in North Korea, the Straw Articles Control Committee, the Korean-Soviet Marine Transport Company, the Labor Recommendation Office, the Consumers' Cooperative Store, the printing

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